

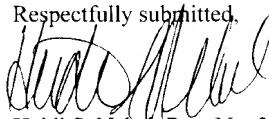
**REMARKS**

The cross reference to a related application was inadvertently omitted from the application and the Patent Data Sheet, claiming priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/264,987 filed January 30, 2001. It is respectfully requested that this information be added to the application. This amendment is being filed within the four-month time period allowed and no fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENT — VERSION WITH MARKINGS  
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the Specification**

Page 1, line 31, before the paragraph beginning "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION", the following paragraph was added:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/264,987 filed January 30, 2001.--